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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am writing to register as someone objecting to the proposed settlement of the US DOJ case against Microsoft. I spend too many hours dealing with software problems related to Microsoft products. I would like the range of alternatives I experienced 10 years ago. There are no alternatives now, there is only Microsoft's monopoly power. They have abused that power. They produce some good products and some miserable products; the curse of the monopoly is that there's no alternative to their bad products.

The remedies that have been suggested will not substantially alter Microsoft's capability to stifle competition.

I would advocate:

1. All Microsoft file formats must be published and made widely available. Changes will require agreement from the courts.
2. A portion of Microsoft's revenue stream will be diverted to fund the development of alternative products that can use Microsoft file formats.

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